

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 20-112

ABENAKI WATER COMPANY, INC.

Request for Change in Rates

Procedural Order Re: Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule

On September 17, 2021, the Department of Energy (Energy), with the assent of Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) and many of the intervenors, filed a request for the Commission to approve the following proposed amended procedural schedule:

Technical Session/Settlement Conference Abenaki Water Company, Inc.'s (the Company)	October 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
Plant the CAPEX submission	October 7, 2021
Data Requests (DRs) to Company	October 28, 2021
Data Responses	November 8, 2021
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	November 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
Technical Session DRs to Company	November 17, 2021
Data Responses to Technical Session DRs	November 24, 2021
Party Testimony	January 18, 2022
DRs – Testimony	February 1, 2022
Data Responses	February 15, 2022
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	February 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
Settlement or Rebuttal Testimony due	March 22, 2022
Hearing	Any time after March 29, 2022

The proposed procedural schedule would partially amend the procedural schedule approved by secretarial letter dated February 23, 2021 and subsequently amended.

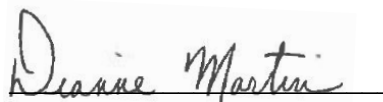
Energy stated that amending the procedural schedule was warranted, because Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (Abenaki) would be filing additional information pursuant to the record requests contained in the Commission's letter dated September 7, 2021. No objections to Energy's motion to amend procedural schedule were filed. Abenaki filed the additional information requested by the Commission on October 8, 2021.

It has been determined that the proposed amended schedule is in the public interest and, therefore, Energy's Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule is GRANTED in part and the foregoing amended procedural schedule is approved. Hearings on the merits are scheduled on April 5 through April 7, 2022, starting at 9:00 a.m., which will be conducted in accordance with the attached supplemental order of notice and hearing guidelines. The hearings presently scheduled on November 3 and November 4, 2021 have been cancelled.

Energy's motion is denied to the extent it requests a cancellation of the November 2, 2021 hearing. The hearing on November 2, 2021 will remain scheduled for the Commission to consider evidence related to the Abenaki rate base, including the more detailed information that Abenaki submitted regarding its four water systems. The condition and value of a utility's rate base is the subject of discovery in any rate case. "The Commission shall not include in permanent rates any return on any plant, equipment, or capital improvement which has not first been found by the commission to be prudent, used, and useful." RSA 378:28.

To facilitate the hearing on November 2, 2021, all parties are directed to agree upon an expedited discovery schedule related to the responses to the record requests. Energy, the OCA and intervenors, shall file any responses to the record requests on or before October 25, 2021.

So ordered, this thirteenth day of October, 2021.


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